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THE Seventh Year, from the commencement of this undertaking, being now at its close, the obligation returns upon me to submit an Account of the work, and to report what advances have been made in it during the year past, and what are now the state and circumstances of it.

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On the discharge of this duty I shall accordingly enter, after due mention shall have been made of some important favours, with which I have been assisted in the course of the year.

To the Empress of Russia the work is highly indebted for granting in its utmost extent the requested favour of collating the Septuagint-MSS. at Moscow.

To the Archbishop of Canterbury my most grateful acknowledgments are due, for those obliging endeavours used by His Grace, at my request, in order to obtain for a Letter of Appli-

Application respecting the Moscow-MSS. the favour of Presentation to the Empress.

To Lord Grenville also are to be presented my most sincere thanks, for the very beneficial interposition of his Lordship, to facilitate and maintain my communication with soreign countries, and to procure for my request to the Empress of Russia a certainty of being submitted to her.

To Sir Charles Whitworth also I beg leave to return the most thankful acknowledgments, for giving the Letter of Application to the Empress an actual conveyance to her hands; and for notifying the success of it, as soon as it was known, to Professor Mellman at Moscow, that there might be no delay in forwarding the interest of the work.

To the Patrons and Friends of this undertaking I again present the thanks that are so justly due for the continuance of that support, which they have most kindly afforded me. And it cannot be more my obligation, than it is my desire, to put as speedy an end, as may be possible, to that expence, which the Subscribers to this undertaking have generously taken ken upon themselves in its behalf. And though the present state and circumstances of the work, and especially the expences that will now attend the collation of the MSS. at Moscow, prevent me from coming fully up to my wishes, yet something may perhaps be done now towards alleviating that burden, to which the Subscribers to this undertaking have so liberally submitted. It is therefore with the utmost thankfulness and respect, that I lay before the Subscribers the following entreaty and proposals:

That those Individuals, who subscribed to the work in the first year of it, grant me the favour of their subscription for the year now ensuing, being the eighth; and that then subscription, as to them, do cease:

That those Individuals, whose subscription commenced in any year of the work subsequent to the first, do continue their subscription till the same shall have been paid, in like manner, for eight years; and that then subscription, as to them also, do cease:

That, without reference to the rule by which the subscription of Individuals is to cease.

cease, Universities, Chapters, and Colleges, continue the favour of their subscription, till it may be either reduced or discontinued, without disabling me from bringing the work to a conclusion.

To the feveral Individuals, Universities, Chapters, and Colleges, who have united in support of this work, I address most respect-fully my solicitation upon such points of these proposals, as respectively relate to them. And if it shall please them to favour me with their consent to what is here suggested, and if subscriptions unpaid shall be, as I trust they will be, made good to me, and some further additions should come, as it is hoped they will, from new Subscribers, either by annual contribution or by single present, there may possibly remain an amount of pecuniary assistance, sufficient to enable me to stand the expences attending the prosecution of the work.

Among the circumstances favourable to this undertaking, which have taken place in the course of this year, one is, that the Codex Marchalianus, which was long supposed to be lost, has been discovered. It seems to have undergone no mutilation since the time when Montfaucon

Montfaucon saw it. It is a MS. of the high-est importance, as it contains the books of the sixteen Prophets, and has in the margin Hexaplar marks and readings applied to the text of every prophet, except Daniel. From this MS. Curterius printed the text of Isaiah; and Phelippæus that of Isaiah: and some sew detached readings of the MS. have been given by others. A complete collation of it has now been made, and it is safely come to hand.

I proceed now to the detail of particulars respecting the work, under distinct heads of Places and Libraries, as usual.

#### FLORENCE.

During the course of this year, the collation has been carried on by Canon Bandini without interruption.

LIBRARY OF THE MONASTERY OF SAINT MARK.

In this Library there is a MS. of which nention was made in the Third Year's Account.

count. It contains the eight first books of the Sacred Text; only one of which had been collated before the commencement of the past year. The collation of the remaining seven books has been since completed, and has come to hand.

#### MEDICEAN LIBRARY.

On the collation of Two MSS. in this Library, containing each of them the text of the Prophets, Canon Bandini was to proceed as foon as the Octateuch above-mentioned in the Library of Saint Mark had been collated. Advances have therefore been made in the collation of one or both of those MS. but to what extent I have not been, as yet, enabled to say.

To Canon Bandini my thankful acknowledgments ought to be repeated, for the continuance of those services with which he orwards the interest of the work in various ways, and with much care and trouble to himself, in addition to the labour of collation.

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## VATICAN LIBRARY.

By Elias Baldius, and Josephus Spalletti the Collation had been carried on in this Library, during the year past, till Christmas last. Both of them had been chiefly employed in collating the same Scriptural Books in the several Vatican MSS. that contain them.

But during some part of the year past, Elias Baldius has been employed in the collation of One MS. It contains the following Scriptural Books: the Twelve Minor Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lament. of Jerem. Baruch, Ezekiel, Daniel. It was a MS. that required more than common attention and labour. The collation of it has been completed, and is come to hand.

By both Collators there had also been collated before Christmas last Nine books of Kings in different MSS. And from that time to the present Elias Baldius has proceeded as before, and more of the same Historical Books are without doubt collated, though my advices have

have not enabled me particularly to state the number. But early in the month of January, Josephus Spalletti died after four days illness. Upon this, Cardinal Zelada assigned Dominicus Calabresi to supply his place. So that Two Collators will still carry on the work at the Vatican.

To his Eminence the Cardinal Zelada the work is indebted for every fignal favour it has been at any time in his power to shew it; and especially for the instant provision he made upon the death of Spalletti.

#### RUSSIA.

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LIBRARIES OF THE HOLY SYNOD.

It was stated in last Year's Account, that, in order to obtain permission to collate the MSS. in these Libraries, an Address of Solicitation to the Empress had been prepared, and that efforts were making to get it transmitted and presented. In consequence of that kind affistance of Lord Grenville, which I have most thankfully acknowledged in the beginning of this Account, the Address of Request was presented to the Empress.

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After some lapse of time the following Letter was obligingly communicated to me by his Excellency Count Woronzow:

Copy in Translation.

To His Excellency Count Woronzow.

" SIR,

Her Imperial Majesty, having received a translated copy of a Letter written by Professor Robert Holmes of Oxford, who solicits Her most gracious support in forwarding the Work undertaken in England, by permitting to collate the text of the Vatican Bible with Manuscripts and other editions and translations, was pleased to order me to hold a conference upon this subject with the Procurator of the Holy Synod; who after a proper time favoured me with an answer, 'That the Holy Synod not only grants, without difficulty, the permission required by Professor Holmes to collate the Vatican Text with Manuscripts, &c. deposited in the Libraries belonging to the Synod and the Printing-Office at Moscow; but even will appoint for the said purpose one of their Ecclesiastics,

a person acquainted with the Greek Language, to assist in forwarding the work; and that, if the said collation should come to a happy termination, it is the opinion of His Eminence the Metropolitan of St. Petersburg, that such an undertaking may be of no small use to the Christian Church, and especially when this work, as the said Professor writes, comes to be augmented from the Holy Church Fathers.'

" After this answer, which I had the happiness to lay before the Empress, Her Imperial Majesty was most graciously pleased to fignify Her consent by ordering me to communicate the fame to Your Excellency, in order that you might acquaint Professor Holmes, that either Professor Mellman, or any other person who may be impowered by him, not only will be freely admitted to collate agreeably to his request, but even an Ecclesiastic will be appointed for his assistance. And in order to get the defired admittance, it is necessary that the person thus impowered do apply to the faid Procurator of the Holy Synod, Privy Counsellor, His Excellency Alexey Ivanovich Mousin Poushkin, who is already

already informed by me of this Her Imperial Majesty's most gracious pleasure.

I have the honour to be, with perfect esteem,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient servant,

C. John Ostermann."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7, 1794.

The success of the application having been immediately notified by Sir Charles Whitworth to Professor Mellman at Moscow, there seems reason to hope that he may already have entered upon collation. And as the Holy Synod has been so favourably disposed towards the work, as to assign me another assistant, the business at Moscow will, I trust, proceed without interruption in the course of the coming year.

#### MOLDAVIA.

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In this province Five LXX-MSS. had been discovered, and were last year collated. Since that time, upon further enquiry in the same province, there have been discovered Four other MSS. They are as follows:

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- 1. Codex membranaceus, fæculi xii. continet Isaiæ textum cum Catena.
- 2. Codex membranaceus, in duobus voluminibus, fæculi x, aut xi. continet Isaiam, Jeremiam, Ezekielem, Danielem.
- 3. Codex membranaceus, fæculi xii. continet duodecim Prophetarum minorum textum.
- 4. Codex chartaceus, fæculi xiv. continet Pfalmorum librum.

Of these MSS. Demetrius, a learned Ecclesiastic of Moldavia, is the possessor. He obligingly allowed them to be transmitted to Wittemberg in Saxony, where they have been all, or now nearly all, collated by Professor Matthæi.

#### VIENNA.

CÆSAREAN LIBRARY.

It was stated in last Year's Account, that Mr. Alter was employed in collating Exodus, and the subsequent books of Scripture, in all the Cæsarean MSS. that contain them. He had then nearly completed Exodus; and during this year he has finished the book of Exodus, and has collated Leviticus, and nearly
the whole of the book of Numbers. He
will then proceed with the same unwearied
assiduity, and distinguished ability, which he
has hitherto exemplified, in collating the subsequent parts of the Sacred Text.

One interruption has, however, taken place during the year in this Library. Mr. Bolla has been prevented by fickness from continuing to the work the benefit of his affistance. He has indeed hitherto been able to do little or nothing: but has now resumed the collation, and will, I hope, have it in his power to pursue it during the ensuing year without interruption.

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So far as to Greek MSS.—I add only, that Canon Bandini has collated Three MSS. more than he is stated to have done under the article Florence. Each of them contains the book of Psalms.—I proceed now to a representation of the advances of the work in other parts of it.

In collating Editions of the Greek Text, a progress has been made as follows:

The remaining part of Exodus, that is, from the eighth chapter to the end of the book; and part of Leviticus, that is, from the first chapter to the fifteenth, have been collated, with the Complutensian and Aldine editions.

In collating Versions, the progress made is as follows:

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#### COPTICK VERSION.

Coptum-Arabicum Euchologium has been collated through some part of Exodus, the whole of Leviticus, and a considerable part of Numbers.

#### SYRIACK VERSION.

The Bodleian MS. of Bar-Hebræus has been this year collated through those parts of the Syriac Text in the book of Genesis, which are cited in the Horreum Mysteriorum.

The work is much indebted to Dr. Ford for the favour of this collation.

#### ARABICK VERSION.

The collation of the MSS. Laud 146, 147, in the book of Genesis had been finished, and was on its way to this country, but missed of it, and is lost. The worst of the evil, however, is delay. Genesis has been collated again, through about one half of the book, in both MSS. and the collation of them is going on.

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In Laud A. 182, further advances in the book of Genesis have also been made.

#### ARMENIAN VERSION.

This Version, in the Cæsarean MSS. 3270, and in the edition printed at Venice 1733, has been collated during this year through some part of the book of Exodus, the whole of Leviticus, and a considerable part of the book of Numbers.

#### SLAVONIAN VERSION.

This Version has been collated in the course of this year through some part of the book of Exodus, the whole of Leviticus, and a considerable part of the book of Numbers.

#### GEORGIAN VERSION.

This Version has been collated during the past year through some part of the book of Exodus, the whole of Leviticus, and a confiderable part of the book of Numbers.

In collating Citations of the Septuagint-text advances have also been made. The reprefentation as to them is as follows:

Euthymius Zigabenus in Psalmos, has been collated throughout. His Commentary seems to be of no less value than the best MS. would be. He frequently quotes the Greek of the Interpreters posterior to the LXX, but for the most part that of Symmachus. The interpreters themselves he seldom names.

Theophylactus in Prophetas Minores, has also been collated throughout.

The Writers, whose Citations of the book of Genesis have been collated, are several. What are their names, and what the number of volumes through which the collation has been

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Euthymius in Evangelia. 1. 11. 111.

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Asterius in Auctario PP.

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Johannes Archiep. Theffalonic. ibid.

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Andreas Cretens. ibid.

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By the above collations progress has so far been made this year, towards further preparation of the Copy of Genefis for the Press. And as the time of commencing the impresfion is now drawing near, there has been printed and published a succinct detail of the materials collected, and a Specimen of the manner of representing them. When sufficient time shall have been given to the Subscribers to this work, and to the Public, to consider that Specimen, some certain knowledge may be obtained, whether the form of arrangement and representation be such as it ought to be; or suggestions may be made towards amending it. For the last especially of these reasons, it may be expedient to wait fome little time; after that, a beginning will be made. That the impression even of one

book will require considerable time, the Public may easily see, from the printed view that has been given of the matter, which is contained under two chapters only. The intention is, to deliver to the Public book by book, as fast as it can be printed.

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March 20, 1795.

COLLATIONS, this day exhibited before the Delegates of the Clarendon-Press, and then deposited in the Bodleian Library, in separate volumes in folio, with pasteboard covers, are these:

Vol. LXV. Exodus.

In Greek MSS. I, III, of the Imperial Library at Vienna; and in the Armenian MSS. 3270, 3274; and the Armenian Bible, Venice, 1733; and in the Slavonian Version; and in the Georgian Version; and in the Citations of Jacobus Nisibenus.

Vol. LXVI. Leviticus.

In the fame Greek MSS. and the fame Versions; and the same Citations.

Vol. LXVII. Exodus. Leviticus.

In MS. of St. Mark's Library, Florence.

Numbers. Deuteronomy.

In MS. of the Carthusian Library, at Evora, Portugal,

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In MSS. 10, 330, 747, 748, 1209, 1657, 1901, 2058, 2106, of the Vatican Library.

Vol. LXVIII. Exodus.

In MS. 203, of the Vatican Library.

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In MSS. 10, 330, 331, 747, 1209, 1657, 2106, of the same Library.

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In MS. 1752, of the same Library.

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In MS. 331, of the same Library.

Vol. LXIX. Judices.

In MS. 10. of the Vatican Library.

Judices. Ruth.

In MS. 1748, of the same Library.

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In MS. 1746, and MS. 331, of the same Library.

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In MS. of the Public Library of Basil.

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Judices. Ruth.

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In MS. B. v1, 22, of the Public Library
of Bafil.

Vol. LXXI. Pfalmi.

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#### OXFORD, DELEGATES ROOM.

March 20, 1795.

The Rev. Dr. Holmes having this day exhibited to the Delegates of the Press such collations as have been made of the Septuagint MSS. in the year last past, together with Citations of the Septuagint text, as stated in his Annual Account; it is the opinion of this Board, that he has so far sulfilled the condition upon which the subscription to the said Collation was made and renewed, and that a competent and laudable progress has been made in the work.

The Delegates, therefore, think it incumbent upon them to recommend the present Annual Account to the consideration of the Public; hoping that Dr. Holmes will meet with such farther encouragement, as will enable him to bring the work to its completion.

Account of Expences incurred during the Seventh Year.

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Page 5, 1. 7, for "that of Isaiah," read "that of Hosea."

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